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Title:

WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR WITH  
MOLDED SLEEVE AND THRUST  
ELEMENTS

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

The Advisory Action dated January 23, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) In a motor/gear drive having a shaft with a worm gear carried thereon and a free tip end portion with an outer diameter terminating in an end wall, and a housing having a bore formed coaxial with respect to the shaft to be installed therein, the improvement comprising:

a plastic annular sleeve within the bore of the housing concentrically disposed to be positionable about the outer diameter of the tip end portion of the shaft to be installed and to be nominally spaced radially from the outer diameter of the tip end portion, and wherein the sleeve is operable to supportingly engage the outer